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Re DEPTEL 622.

1. GOL has submitted following proposal for inclusion MDAP agreement:

"Present agreement made accordance with principles laid down charter UN and nothing in agreement plans be construed to conflict with obligations assumed by both governments. Further, the two governments declare that nothing in present agreement conflicts with or prejudices or is intended to conflict with or prejudice international obligations assumed by either government under any existing international agreements, conventions or treaties, including, in the case of UK of Libya, the covenant of the League of Arab States".

Embassy believes it important realize Ben Halim Government must continue give lip service cause Arab unity in order to protect itself against propaganda barrage which Egyptians still can organize both within and without Parliament thus further cutting his popular support. Furthermore Libya not signature AL collective security pact; thus additional article basically pro-forma. Recommend Embassy be authorized include language in agreement or negotiate classified exchange notes supplementary MDAP agreement based on above quoted paragraphs.

2. Believe we can convince GOL accept wording Article IV on basis United States statutory requirements.

3. Department concurrence recommendation paragraph 1 will permit Embassy conclude agreement with GOL.

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